

# Weekend closures at Provo Center Street

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This weekend, part of the Provo Center Street interchange at Interstate 15 will be closed while crews construct temporary ramps that will accommodate traffic for about two years.

When the work is all done late next year, the interchange will be a modified diamond design, which will improve traffic flow, increase capacity and efficiency and address unique topography of the area, according to UDOT.

UDOT CORE project spokesman Scott Thompson, said he hopes residents see the project as a jewel in UDOT's crown, and that they'll have patience with the things that have to happen to get the diamond.

"This will be a change for people, and they may have a bit of a concern," Thompson said. "This coming weekend will be a weekend of major inconvenience, but in the long term, it really is just a minor inconvenience."

The Provo Center Street northbound off-ramp and the on-ramp from west Center Street to northbound I-15 will close Saturday at 9 p.m. and reopen Monday at 5:30 a.m. "We are constructing temporary ramps and a temporary signal between the viaduct and I-15. It will be temporary and in place until late next year," Thompson said.

While some people may not be happy with closures in the coming days, Thompson said UDOT is trying to make these next two years as driver-friendly as possible.

"The message from us is we are trying to maintain traffic flow as best we can to get people on and off the freeway," Thompson said.

In looking ahead in the coming weeks Thompson said the Provo/Orem area has the highest volume of traffic. That's right where football traffic is coming. "Folks should know they may experience some delays during football season."

The other areas of focus are University Parkway and the Spanish Fork interchange leading to Price.

The Utah Department of Transportation also advises motorists of the following lane restrictions because of construction work.

## Lehi-Lindon Area

### Upcoming Construction Activities

- 100 East bridge in American Fork: Starting today, crews will begin demolishing the outside edges of the bridge and other construction activities. Nearby residents and businesses should expect noise and other inconveniences associated with the construction.
- Center Street (400 North) in American Fork: From Aug. 10-21, Center Street (400 North) in American Fork will be closed to allow for sewer line replacement and road construction. Local residents should expect noise and other inconveniences associated with the construction.

## Orem Area

## Upcoming Construction Activities

- East of I-15 near 200 South in Lindon: The bridge farm is beginning to take shape just north of 200 South in Lindon along the east side of I-15. Pile driving is scheduled to begin approximately mid-August. Businesses in the area may experience some vibration and noise during this activity. Vibration levels will be carefully monitored. Segments for the bridge at 200 South in Lindon will be built at the bridge farm and then moved into their final configuration. This process is a method used in accelerated bridge construction (ABC).

## Provo-Spanish Fork Area

### Upcoming Construction Activities

- Provo Center Street traffic flow changes, mid-August: Crews are currently installing a new traffic signal on Center Street in Provo, east of I-15. Temporary on- and off-ramps for I-15 northbound are also under construction and are expected to be in operation by mid-August. Prior to moving motorists onto the new ramps, crews will need to close the existing loop ramps for I-15 northbound. A date for the nighttime ramp closures will be published here as schedules are confirmed. The new on- and off-ramps for I-15 northbound will help keep traffic flowing through the interchange while crews rebuild I-15 and the interchange. Configuration Map
- Today, beam placement over 920 South is scheduled and may require closure of the roadway at night. Crews may reschedule this activity to daytime hours and avoid the nighttime closure if there is enough room to safely accommodate one-way traffic operations. These restrictions are in place for motorist safety. Residents can expect some additional noise from machinery in the area. Motorists can use 600 South as an alternate route.
- I-15 in Springville, Spanish Fork: In late August, all traffic between Williams Lane and Main Street in Spanish Fork is planned to be shifted onto the east side of I-15 at night so that work can begin to rebuild I-15 southbound in this area. Three lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction during peak travel times.
- 300 West in Spanish Fork: Aug. 16, crews are scheduled to place beams over 300 West. This will require a nighttime closure of 300 West, and southbound I-15 will be restricted to one lane. This is part of continuing construction of the temporary bridge. Flaggers may be present to direct traffic during this work. Motorists can expect narrowed lanes, lane shifts and barrels or barriers to control traffic in the area. This will require a nighttime closure of 300 West, and southbound I-15 will be restricted to one lane.